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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 30-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>20031205</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-29, in the reply filed on 02-25-05 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-29 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 1 and 20, lines 11 and 12, respectively, "a" after "second poly-oxide region having" should be replaced with --another--.

In claim 1, line 14, "at least one" after "first semiconductor layer to form", should be preceded by --the--.

In claims 1 and 20, lines 15 and 17, respectively, "at least one bottom electrode" should be preceded by --the--.

In claims 1 and 20, lines 17 and 19, respectively, "sidewalls" after "comprising", should be preceded by --another--.

In claims 1 and 20, lines 18 and 20, respectively, "top surface of the first poly-oxide region, the" should be followed by --another--.

In claims 1 and 20, lines 19 and 21, respectively, "sidewalls" before "of the at least one bottom electrode", should be preceded by --another--.

In claim 3, line 2, "sidewalls" after "first oxide layer from the", should be preceded by --another--.

In claim 20, line 16, "at least one floating gate" should be preceded by --the--.

In claim 21, line 2, "sidewalls" after "comprises removing the second oxide from the", should be preceded by --another--.

Appropriate correction is required.

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Claims 2-19, and 21-29, would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri, can be reached on (571) 272-1855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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